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- POC: [REDACTED] A Advisory Committee Office

Veteran Town Halls

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Veteran Town Halls are outreach events where local VA leaders invite Veterans, family members, congressional offices and community stakeholders, to learn about VA health care, services and benefits. Upcoming Town Halls are:

- July 12: VA Pittsburgh Health Care System in Washington, PA
- July 12: Burlington Community Outpatient Clinic in Marlton, NJ
- July 12: Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System in Ponchatoula/Hammond, LA
- **July 12: Richard L. Roudebush VAMC in Terre Haute, IN**
- July 12: VA Butler Healthcare in Butler, PA
- July 13: Northern Arizona VA Health Care System in Flagstaff, AZ
- **July 13: Roseburg VA Health Care System in Eugene, OR**

- July 18: Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System at Eglin Air Force Base, FL
- July 19: Alaska VA Health Care System in Anchorage, AK
- July 19: Wilkes-Barr VAMC in Wilkes-Barre, PA
- July 19: Sioux Falls VA Health Care System in Huron, SD
- July 20: William Jennings Bryan Dorn VAMC in Columbia, SC
- July 20: VA Maryland Health Care System in Perry Point, MD
- July 20: Overton Brooks VAMC in Shreveport, LA
- July 25: Alaska VA Health Care System in Wasilla, AK
- **July 26: West Los Angeles VAMC in Los Angeles, CA**
- July 27: Michael E. DeBakey (Houston) VAMC in Clute, TX
- July 29: Sioux Falls VA Health Care System in Huron, SD
- POC: [REDACTED] (b) (6) Veterans Health Administration Public Affairs

Center For Minority Veterans (CMV)

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- POC for all events: B [REDACTED] (b) (6) rector for the Center of Minority Veterans
- July 21-26
- CMV Director [REDACTED] (b) (6) ill be a panelist at the **2017 NAACP** (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) **Convention** in Baltimore [REDACTED] (b) (6) VA's CMV African American Liaison, will also conduct outreach at the event.

Engagements with Veterans Supporting VA Priority: Engaging with Veterans

- July 16
- Interim Deputy Secretary Blackburn will be in Cincinnati, OH to participate in the **37th National Veterans Wheelchair Games**. Co-presented by VA and the Paralyzed Veterans of America, is a rehabilitation program empowering Veterans with spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, amputations, and other neurological injuries to live active and healthy lives through wheelchair sports and recreation.
- POC: [REDACTED] (b) (6) ffice of Public Affairs

Engagements with Veterans Service Organizations, Media, and Other Stakeholders

Supporting VA Priority: Engaging with Key Stakeholders

- July 25
- Secretary Shulkin will speak at the **Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW) 118th National Convention** in New Orleans, LA. Kayla Williams, VA's Director for the Center for Women's Veterans will also speak at the event on issues affecting women Veterans.
- POC: [REDACTED] (b) (6) VSO Liaison
- July 26

- Secretary Shulkin will participate in the **USA Today Editorial Board Meeting** in McLean, Virginia. The editorial board meetings typically consist of about an hour of Q&A with USA TODAY editors and reporters, followed by a short video interview for their digital platforms. Discussions are on the record, except for mutually agreed digressions. The Secretary's participation at the invitation of the Board will strengthen the relationship of this key media outlet.
- POC: [b] ffice of Public Affairs
- July 27
- Secretary Shulkin will meet with the **Taiwan Minister of Veteran Affairs** to discuss common issues affecting Veterans and improving services and health care.
POC: [b] ffice of Intergovernmental Affairs
- July 29
- Secretary Shulkin will be in New Orleans to speak at the **96th National Convention of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and Auxiliary**. Thousands of DAV delegates, Auxiliary delegates, and family members will attend.
- POC: [b] VSO Liaison

Note: Unless noted otherwise, all events are in the Washington D.C. / Maryland / Virginia metro area.

FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS:

CODEL – Congressional Delegation
DoD – Department of Defense
GAO – Government Accountability Office
HAC – House Appropriations Committee
IT – Information Technology
HVAC – House Veterans Affairs Committee
LGBT – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
MILCON/VA – Subcommittee on Military Construction Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies
NCA – National Cemetery Administration
OEF – Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
SVAC – Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
USH – Under Secretary for Health
VA – Veterans Affairs
VAMC – VA Medical Center
VBA – Veterans Benefits Administration
VHA – Veterans Health Administration
VISN – Veterans Integrated Service Network
4-Corners –HVAC and SVAC Chairman and Ranking Members